



Supporting Pupils with Long-Term Medical Conditions

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We believe this policy relates to the following legislation:

- Medicines Act 1968
- Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- Health and Safety Act 1974
- Children Act 1989
- Education Act 1996
- Education Act 2002
- Children 2004
- The NHS Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010
- School Premises (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)
- Children and Families Act 2014

The following documentation is also related to this policy:

- The Special Needs Code of Practice
- Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions

We have a legal duty under the Children and Families Act 2014 to support pupils with long-term medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma and epilepsy, and we will ensure that these children have full access to the curriculum, all sporting activities and educational visits so that they can play a full and active role in school.

We will work closely with parents/carers, health and social care professionals to ensure effective individual health care plans, monitoring, reviewing and updating procedures are in place to support children with long-term medical conditions.

We want parents to feel confident and reassured that we are providing effective support that involves:

- having good links with local health and social care services
- allowing children easy access to their inhalers and medication
- administering medication when and where necessary
- not ignoring the views of children, parents and medical professionals

- allowing children to participate in all curriculum, sporting and school activities
- providing assistance when a child becomes ill
- allowing children with medical conditions to take drinking, eating or toilet breaks when and where necessary.
- not penalising a child for poor attendance due to their medical condition
- dealing with children's social and emotional problems linked to their medical condition
- building confidence and promoting self-care

Administration of medicines by any member of the school personnel is undertaken purely on a voluntary basis and individual decisions will be respected. However, appropriate training will be provided before any member of the school personnel who has volunteered and accepted this role to be familiar with all administration of medication procedures.

We wish to work closely with the School Council and to hear their views and opinions as we acknowledge and support Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that children should be encouraged to form and to express their views.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We believe it is essential that this policy clearly identifies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the procedures and arrangements that is connected with this policy.

Aims

- To support pupils with long-term medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma and epilepsy.
- To ensure pupils with long-term medical conditions have full access to education, all sporting activities and educational visits so that they can play a full and active role in school.
- To ensure effective individual health care plans are in place.
- To share good practice within the school.
- To work with other schools to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body has:

- appointed a member of staff to be responsible for coordinating supporting pupils with long-term medical conditions;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Principal to ensure all school personnel and stakeholders are aware of and comply with this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring full compliance with all statutory responsibilities;
- responsibility for ensuring that children with long-term medical conditions have the same rights to admission as other children;
- responsibility for ensuring individual health care plans, procedures and systems are properly and effectively implemented;
- responsibility for ensuring training is in place for relevant school personnel who support children with long-term medical conditions;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;

- nominated a designated Equalities governor to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;
- the responsibility of involving the School Council in the development, approval, implementation and review of this policy;
- nominated a link governor to visit the school regularly, to liaise with the Principal and the coordinator and to report back to the Governing Body;
- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy

Role of the Principal and Senior Leadership Team

The Principal and the Senior Leadership Team will:

- ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- provide the necessary support for pupils with long-term medical conditions;
- ensure all pupils with long-term medical conditions have full access to the curriculum, all sporting activities and school activities;
- ensure individual healthcare plans are in place;
- ensure relevant school personnel are made aware of children with long-term medical conditions;
- ensure relevant school personnel are made aware of all individual healthcare plans;
- ensure insurance cover supports all pupils with long-term medical conditions;
- ensure school personnel are appropriately insured;
- work closely with the link governor and coordinator;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

Role of the Coordinator

The coordinator will:

- lead the development of this policy throughout the school;
- *work closely with the Principal and the nominated governor;*
- ensure all individual healthcare plans are in place and up to date;
- monitor and annually review all individual healthcare plans;
- ensure relevant school personnel are made aware of children with long-term medical conditions;
- ensure relevant school personnel are made aware of all individual healthcare plans;
- provide cover in the absence of relevant staff
- provide information for supply teachers;
- provide guidance and support to all relevant staff;
- provide awareness training for all staff on induction and when the need arises;
- keep up to date with new developments and resources;

- undertake risk assessments for extra-curricular activities, educational visits and other offsite visits;
- liaise with parents and will ensure arrangements are in place when a pupil is diagnosed with a medical condition;
- liaise with parents and will ensure arrangements are in place when a child starts midterm;
- liaise with feeder schools and transitional schools;
- ensure all medications are kept in a secure place and accessible only to the designated persons;
- ensure all medications are kept cool in a small secure fridge;
- ensure records are kept of all medications administered to children;
- review and monitor this policy;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

Individual Healthcare Plans.

Individual Healthcare Plans will be devised and written at a meeting involving:

- relevant school personnel
- the child
- parents/carers
- local healthcare and medical professionals

At this meeting the following will be discussed:

- confidentiality of pupil information
- the medical condition
- medication and dosage
- self-management of medication
- medication administered by school personnel
- storage and accessibility of medication
- dietary requirements
- access to food and drink
- specialist equipment
- level of support required
- cover arrangements
- training needs of support personnel
- health and safety issues
- environmental issues and requirements
- attendance at medical appointments
- procedures regarding educational visits
- school timetable
- risk assessments
- dealing with emergency situations
- school evacuation procedures
- home to school transport arrangements
- roles and responsibilities of relevant school personnel

Role of the Nominated Governor

The Nominated Governor will:

- work closely with the Principal and the coordinator;
- ensure this policy and other linked policies are up to date;
- ensure that everyone connected with the school is aware of this policy;
- attend training related to this policy;
- report to the Governing Body every term;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

Role of School Personnel

Administration of medicines by any member of the school personnel is undertaken purely on a voluntary basis and individual decisions will be respected.

However, appropriate training will be provided before any member of the school personnel who has volunteered and accepted this role to be familiar with all administration of medication procedures.

School personnel will:

- comply with all aspects of this policy;
- not administer medications without the appropriate training;
- not undertake healthcare procedures without the appropriate training;
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- attend appropriate training sessions on equality;
- report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community

Role of Pupils Pupils will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy;
- be involved in discussions regarding their medical support and individual healthcare plan;
- after discussions with parents/carers be encouraged to manage their own health needs and medications;
- have access to their own medicines and relevant devices;
- be encouraged to work in partnership with the school by making decisions and exercising choice in relation to their educational programme;
- listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher;
- ask for further help if they do not understand;
- treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- liaise with the school council;
- take part in questionnaires and surveys

Role of Parents/Carers

Parents/Carers will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy;
- work in partnership with the school;
- provide up to date medical information of their child's condition;
- be involved in discussions regarding medical support and individual healthcare plan for their child;
- provide the appropriate medication for the school to administer;
- ensure medications are in good supply;
- provide any specialist equipment;
- ensure their contact details are kept up to date;
- ensure that all emergency contacts are current;
- made aware of the Complaints procedures policy if they should need to use it;
- comply with this policy for the benefit of their children;
- be asked to take part periodic surveys conducted by the school;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure smooth running of the school

Role of Healthcare Professionals

Healthcare professionals such as school nurses, paediatricians' and general practitioners will provide:

- advice on developing individual healthcare plans;
- information about medical conditions;
- support for children with particular conditions;
- training for school personnel

Role of the School Council

The School Council will be involved in:

- determining this policy with the Governing Body;
- discussing improvements to this policy during the school year;
- organising surveys to gauge the thoughts of all pupils;
- reviewing the effectiveness of this policy with the Governing Body

Raising Awareness of this Policy

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the school website
- the Staff Handbook
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops
- the School Handbook/Prospectus
- school events
- meetings with school personnel

- communications with home such as weekly newsletters and of end of half term newsletters
- reports such annual report to parents and Principal reports to the Governing Body
- information displays in the main school entrance

Training

All school personnel:

- have equal chances of training, career development and promotion
- receive training related to this policy which specifically covers:
 - awareness of the medical condition(s) in question
 - administering medication
 - confidentiality
- receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information
- receive equal opportunities training on induction

Equality Impact Assessment Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school. (See Initial Equality Impact Assessment)

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the coordinator, the Principal and the nominated governor. A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the Governing Body for further discussion and endorsement. (See Policy Evaluation).

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